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SUBJECT: Visit to Central America and the Caribbean area by the Subcommittee on Treasury - Post Office Departments Appropriations of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives. Revised itinerary

To: Ciudad Trujillo, Guatemala City, Kingston, Managua, Port-au-Prince, San Salvador

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Representatives J. Vaughan Gary (Va), Otto E. Passman (La.) and Alfred D. Sieminski (NJ), members of the Subcommittee on Treasury-Post Office Departments of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep. accompanied by Mr. Robert L. Michaels, Executive Secretary to the Subcommittee, Mr. David Strubinger, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Willard L. Johnson, Budget Officer, Treasury Dept., Vice Adm. Alfred C. Richmond, USCG Commandant, Rear Adm. Frank T. Kenner, USCG Chief, Office of Operations, Rear Adm. Joseph A. Kerrins, USCG Commander, 8th Coast Guard District (New Orleans), Captain Levin J. Stephens, USCG Special Assistant to the Commandant, and Captain David C. Reed, USCG Chief, Liaison Division will depart from Washington, D. C. on November 8, 1956 to visit Central America and the Caribbean area. The Subcommittee is primarily interested in Coast Guard and Bureau of Customs matters. The Congressional group will wish to confer with Department of State officials at various points of call.

The party will take passage from New Orleans to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua aboard the Coast Guard Cutter SEBAGO. (Diplomatic clearance for the Cutter has been requested). A Coast Guard R4-type transport aircraft (CG 1283) will be used for the remainder of the trip. The crew of the aircraft will consist of two officers and three enlisted men. The officers will be: Lt. Commander Owen W. Siler (3319) - Plane commander and Lt. Cristian A. Weitzel (5191) - Co-pilot. (Posts are requested to obtain overflight and landing clearance for aircraft. The only interest Port-au-Prince and San Salvador have in this instruction is for overflight clearance only.)

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Coast Guard aircraft will arrive in Managua. Pilot will get in touch with the Embassy. Any member of the Embassy who wishes to meet the group when they land in Puerto Cabezas is welcomed the use of the aircraft when it flies to pick them up the next morning. The crew remains overnight in Managua.

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11/16 Group arrives at Puerto Cabezas aboard the SEBAGO at 8:00 A.M. Aircraft will pick up group and depart from Puerto Cabezas at 11:00 A.M. and arrive back in Managua at 12:15 P.M. All remain overnight in Managua.

11/17 Managua/Guatemala City
Lv. 10:00 A. M.
Ar. 11:45 A. M.

11/17 Guatemala City/Chichicastenango
Lv. 1:00 P. M.
Ar. 4:30 P. M.

Remain overnight in Chichicastenango

11/18 Chichicastenango/Guatemala City
Lv. 1:00 P. M.
Ar. 4:30 P. M.

Remain overnight in Guatemala City

11/19 Guatemala City/Montego Bay
Lv. 12:30 P. M.
Ar. 6:00 P. M.

Remain overnight in Montego Bay

11/20 Montego Bay/Ciudad Trujillo
Lv. 9:00 A.M.
Ar. 11:15 A. M.

Remain overnight in Ciudad Trujillo

11/21 Ciudad Trujillo/ St. Petersburg
Lv. 8:00 A. M.
Ar. 12:50 P. M.

11/21 St. Petersburg/Washington
Lv. 2:30 P. M.
Ar. 7:00 P. M.

Meet, assist through customs. Congressional handbook applies. Single hotel rooms requested for each person with these exceptions: a suite of two single rooms with a living room for meeting purposes for Vice Adm. Richmond and Rear Adm. Kenners; a double room for Capt. Stephens and Capt. Reed; double rooms for the aircraft crew. Desire that entertainment be kept to absolute minimum and informal as formal attire will not be carried. Posts are requested to make arrangements for local transportation.

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The Subcommittee has dollar funds for all expenses.

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